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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: S. KATO, et al.

Application No.: 10/796,207

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For: VACUUM PROCESSING APPARATUS AND OPERATING
METHOD THEREFOR

Group Art Unit: 3749

Examiner: K. O'Malley

AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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December 28, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 28, 2004, please amend the
above-identified application as listed in the following, and as set forth on the
following pages:

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.